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LETTER DATED 22 JUNE 1999 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) relative to the deployment of the international civil and security presences in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, under United Nations auspices, I have been instructed by my Government to advise you of the positions of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia regarding a consistent implementation of the said resolution:

(a) It is necessary to clarify the method of coordination between the military and civilian aspects of the United Nations mission. According to the resolution, the international presence in Kosovo and Metohija is a unified mission under United Nations auspices which requires the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to coordinate all activities of the mission. The mission also has the duty to report to the Secretary-General and the Security Council;

(b) Demilitarization and disarmament of all armed Albanian groups, in particular of the terrorist "Kosovo Liberation Army" (KLA), is the precondition for establishing secure conditions for all residents in Kosovo and Metohija, putting an end to the exodus of Serbs and other non-Albanians and for securing their safe return;

(c) The international military forces must act within the mandate determined by the Security Council and be under the control of the Special Representative;

(d) Humanitarian assistance must be distributed without discrimination and equally to all residents of Kosovo and Metohija irrespective of their ethnic belonging;

(e) It is the obligation of the entire international presence in Kosovo and Metohija to strictly respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Kosovo and Metohija, which implies respect for its political, administrative, legal, economic and monetary system and an unhindered functioning of public services in accordance with all Yugoslav laws and regulations;

(f) It is necessary to clearly define the role and mandate of international representatives vis-à-vis the legal organs of the Republic of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the modalities of their cooperation, aimed at ensuring effective and efficient implementation of the resolution. This implies that an appropriate agreement between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the United Nations should be signed.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
Chargé d'affaires a.i.